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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph to page 5, line 7 of the application:

The optical waveguide connecting module 4 is in two parts, a bottom part 4a and a top part 4b. V-shaped grooves are inserted in the bottom part 4a and the top part 4b is formed in such a way that an inserted optical waveguide is pushed into the V-shaped groove when the bottom and top parts are put together. The top part 4b for pushing the ends of the fibres into the V-shaped recesses can also be provided with means 6 to cut off the ends of the optical waveguides, with the result that the work steps of cutting of the ends of the fibres and the clamping into the structures provided for the centring of the ends of the fibres are simultaneous. In this way, the time needed for the production of the connection is reduced even further and the aforementioned tool for cutting off the ends of the waveguides is not needed.

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